

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

ARIZONA BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

In the Matter of

**EDWARD BLANKSTEIN, M.D.**

Holder of License No. **10529**  
For the Practice of Medicine  
In the State of Arizona.

**INVESTIGATION NOS. 10274,  
10621, 10728, 11171, & 11524**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
TO LETTER OF REPRIMAND  
& ORDER OF PROBATION**

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Edward Blankstein, M.D. and the Board of Medical Examiners (Board), that the accompanying Order be entered in the above-entitled matter and be effective as of the date issued. Dr. Blankstein acknowledges that any violation of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct within A.R.S. § 32-1401(25)(r), and may result in disciplinary action pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1451. Furthermore, by signing this Consent Agreement, Dr. Blankstein waives and relinquishes any right to appeal from or challenge this Consent Agreement by filing any type of administrative or judicial review of this Order.

  
EDWARD BLANKSTEIN, M.D.

Dated: 8/27/99

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of medicine in the State of Arizona.
2. Dr. Blankstein is the holder of License No. 10529 for the practice of medicine in the State of Arizona.
3. The parties mutually waive any other findings of fact.

1 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

2 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Dr.  
3 Blankstein.

4 2. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1451(G) the Board may enter the following order.

5 ORDER

6 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Dr. Blankstein is hereby issued a Letter of  
7 Reprimand for inadequate record keeping and is placed on probation for three (3) years  
8 with the following conditions:

9 1. Dr. Blankstein shall obtain a practice management consultant within six (6)  
10 months from the date of this order, at his own expense, for assistance with record keeping,  
11 billing practices and coding. Dr. Blankstein shall follow the recommendations of the  
12 practice management consultant.

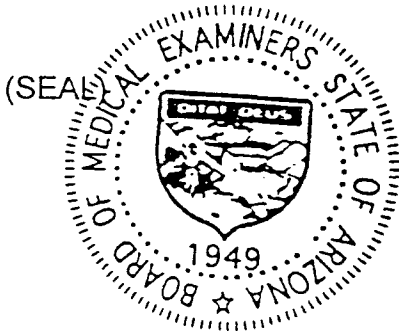
13 2. Dr. Blankstein shall obtain 20 hours of Board approved Continuing Medical  
14 Education (CME) in child psychiatry and another 20 CME hours in adult psychiatry. These  
15 CME hours shall be in addition to the 20 hours required for license renewal.

16 3. Board staff shall perform random yearly chart reviews for the next three  
17 years.

18 4. The Board retains jurisdiction to take further action based upon the reports it  
19 receives from Board staff regarding the random chart reviews.

20 DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1999.

21 BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
22 OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA



By Claudia Foutz  
CLAUDIA FOUTZ  
Executive Director

1 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this  
2 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1999 with:

3 The Arizona Board of Medical Examiners  
4 1651 East Morten, Suite 210  
5 Phoenix, AZ 85020

6 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by  
7 Certified Mail this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1999 to:

8 Edward Blankstein, M.D.  
9 1050 E. Southern Avenue, Suite G-1  
10 Tempe, AZ 85282

11 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
12 this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1999, to:

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17 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing  
18 hand-delivered this 31<sup>st</sup> day of  
19 August, 1999, to:

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21 Assistant Attorney General  
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